

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER  
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6652. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of increases in the Program Acquisition Unit Cost or Average Procurement Unit Cost of at least 30 percent to the "Original" Acquisition Program Baseline in the following programs: Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle, F/A-18E/F, MH-60S, and Virginia Class submarine. Additionally, the report of the cancellation of the Advanced Seal Delivery System Major Defense Acquisition Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6653. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account for the Period Ending March 31, 2006"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6654. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6655. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6656. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Evaluation of the TRICARE Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6657. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6658. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incremental Funding of Fixed-Price Contracts" (DFARS Case 1990-037) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6659. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Foreign Taxation on U.S. Assistance Programs" (DFARS Case 2004-D012) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6660. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Laws" (DFARS Case 2003-D019) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6661. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition of Weapons-Related Prototype Projects to Follow-On Contracts" (DFARS Case 2003-D106) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6662. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of

Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6663. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Executive Summary to the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6664. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Summary to the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6665. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Energy Information Administration's report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6666. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to repeal subtitle J, Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources, of title IX of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6667. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to amend section 161k of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide executive protection authorities for the Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Executive Protection Detail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6668. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cost and Performance Goals for the Office of Fossil Energy Coal-Based Technologies"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6669. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for calendar year 2005, entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6670. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands for Fiscal Year 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6671. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "National Park System Uniform Penalty Amendment Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6672. A communication from the Deputy CHCO/Director, OHCM, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6673. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Distribution Transformers" (RIN1904-AA85)

received on April 28, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6674. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to improve hurricane and storm protection in the greater New Orleans metropolitan area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6675. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, OARM, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency, received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6676. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority (DRA), transmitting, pursuant to law, the DRA's Fiscal Year 2005 (FY05) Activities and Projects Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6677. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Revisions to the Tennessee Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program" (FRL No. 8163-3) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6678. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002" (FRL No. 8163-8) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6679. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8163-4) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6680. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Texas" (FRL No. 8164-6) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6681. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2006 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL No. 8163-1) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6682. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposit Insurance Regulations; Inflation Index; Certain Retirement Accounts and Employee Benefit Accounts" (RIN3064-AD01) received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6683. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Sections 1807 and 1862 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (the "Act"),

as amended, and Sections 106 and 118 of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act, Pub. L. No. 109-177 (2006); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6684. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6685. A communication from the Director of Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6686. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2005 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6687. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extended assignment incentives for the period (May 2, 2003, through December 31, 2005); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6688. A communication from the Chief Clinical Officer, Department of Mental Health, District of Columbia, and the Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, transmitting, a cdrom entitled "Code Yellow Code Orange: How Will We Respond?"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6689. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-342, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 1030, S.O. 02-2103, Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6690. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-343, "Financial Institutions Deposit and Investment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6691. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-344, "Advisory Commission on Sentencing Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6692. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-345, "Government Facility Security Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6693. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-346, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 5230, S.O. 04-9922, Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6694. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-347, "Low-Emissions Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6695. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-348, "Non-Health Related Occupations and Professions Licensure Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6696. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-349, "New Columbia Community Land Trust 20th and Channing Streets, N.E. Tax Exemption Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6697. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-350, "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6698. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-351, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 743N, S.O. 04-12457, Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6699. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-352, "District Department of Transportation DC Circulator Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6700. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-354, "Oak Hill Construction Streamlining Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1773. A bill to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-252).

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 22. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; read the first time.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 23. A bill to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved

medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services; read the first time.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2701. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for high deductible health plans for uninsured individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2702. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program on the provision of assistance to certain military families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2703. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2704. A bill to revise and extend the National Police Athletic League Youth Enrichment Act of 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 2705. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Hexythiazox Technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2706. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2707. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2708. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. TALENT):

S. Res. 462. A resolution designating June 8, 2006, as the day of a National Vigil for Lost Promise; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 463. A resolution recognizing the 58th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.